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SUBJECT: VISIT US ITC STAFF MEMBERS INVESTIGATING IMPORTATION
OF JAPANESE TELEVISION RECEIVERS

REF: GENEVA 7844

1. MESSRS,LAXAQUE AND DINAN OF USITC,IN EUROPE FOR
SECTION 337 AND 603 INVESTIGATION OF JAPANESE
TELEVISION RECEIVERS,MET ON OCTOBER 7 WITH EC
COMMISSION OFFICIALS ECKERHARD LOERKE,HANS BESELER,
AND HORST KRENZLER OF THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATE
GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS. USTIC STAFF MEMBERS
OUTLINED SECTION 603 AND 337 ACTIONS AS PRESENTED IN THE NOTICES
OF INVESTIGATION. THE STAFF MEMBERS
EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD BEEN VISITING COMPETITORS
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OF THE JAPANESE IN EC MEMBER STATES TO STUDY JAPANESE

METHODS OF COMPETITION AND TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE ANY PATTERNS TO JAPANESE COMPETITION IN DEVELOPED COUNTRY MARKETS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY EC OFFICIALS IF ANY PATTERNS WERE APPARENT,DINAN STATED THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED,COMPETITORS OF THE JAPANESE IN EUROPE HAD BEEN VERY GENEROUS,IF SOMEWHAT SELECTIVE,IN SUPPLYING DATA,AND IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REVIEW THESE FULLY BEFORE COMING TO ANY CONCLUSIONS.

3. BESELER,WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE GATT ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE MEETING,SEEMED TO WANT TO RELIVE THE DEBATE IN GENEVA ON THE SECTION 337 INVESTIGATION OUTLINED IN REFTEL,PARAGRAPH 4,BUT WAS CUT SHORT BY LOERKE WHO SAID NO ONE CARED TO BEGIN A GATT DISCUSSION IN THIS MEETING.

4. USITC STAFF MEMBERS STATED THAT THEY EXPECTED TO HAVE A REPORT AND CONCLUSIONS ON THESE INVESTIGATIONS BY THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR. THEY AGREED TO PASS ANY NON-CONFIDENTIAL DATA AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE INVESTIGATION TO THE EC COMMISSION VIA LENG AT THE EC REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD WELCOME EC COMMISSION COMMENTS.
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